

HCS SCS SB 498 -- CHARITABLE VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

SPONSOR: Munzlinger (Shumake)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "do pass - not consent" by the Committee on Rules.

Currently, the legislative body of all cities, towns, and villages is prohibited from passing any zoning law, ordinance, or code that would prevent an entity organized pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code that owns or operates a retail business which resells donated goods from operating an establishment where any other retail sales business is permitted to operate if at least 80% of the revenue generated by the entity is used to fund the charitable purpose of the organization. This substitute adds a veterans' organization organized pursuant to Section 501(c)(19) to that provision.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that certain veterans' organizations operate thrift shops and there have been instances in the past where a local zoning law has prohibited one of its posts from pursuing this kind of operation. The bill makes the laws consistent for these tax-exempt organizations.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Munzlinger; and Dewey Reihn, Missouri Association of Veterans Organization and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.